

**Texas Department of Agriculture**  
**Texas Capital Fund**  
**Downtown Revitalization**

The Texas Capital Fund Downtown Revitalization Improvements Program is designed to foster and stimulate economic development in the downtown area by providing financial assistance in the form of matching grants to *non-entitlement* cities for public infrastructure improvements. This program aids in the elimination of slum or blighted areas in non-entitlement communities.

**Use of proceeds**

Awards may be provided for construction of the following public infrastructure in the designated downtown area:

- sidewalk construction/improvements, including lighting, ADA ramps and rails
- acquisition of land needed for public infrastructure improvements
- water & sewer facilities/lines
- road/street construction/improvements
- natural gas line construction/improvements
- electric, telephone, & fiber optic line construction/improvements
- traffic signals and signs
- drainage
- public parking lot construction/improvements
- other construction activities required to eliminate architectural barriers for the handicapped

**Building rehabilitation, machinery & equipment acquisition, architecture/engineering services, and working capital are not eligible uses of proceeds.**

**Eligibility**

Projects must meet the national objective of aiding in the elimination of slum or blighted areas. The area must be identified as slum/blight by city resolution. The improvements must directly support the revitalization of the city's designated downtown area.

**Terms**

Minimum awards are \$50,000  
Maximum awards are \$150,000

Matching funds must be provided.

**Process**

Deadline for application submission for the 2012 program year is **July 12th**. Awards are made on a competitive basis.

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